

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 13-15, and 19-23, and cancel Claims 8-11, and 16-18, as indicated below. This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the application.

### LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1    1. (Currently Amended)    A steering and suspension apparatus for coupling to a steering tube  
2    of a vehicle frame, the steering tube defining a steering axis of the vehicle frame, the apparatus  
3    comprising:

4        an upper triple clamp;  
5        a lower triple clamp; ~~and~~  
6        an upper bearing;  
7        a lower bearing;  
8        a coil-over shock; and  
9        a shock tube,

10      (a) coupled to the upper triple clamps by the upper bearing and coupled to the  
11      lower triple clamp by the lower bearing

12      (b) ~~defining a steering axis of the apparatus,~~  
13      (c) ~~having a cavity coaxial with the steering axis large enough to hold a~~  
14      ~~suspension component within which the coil-over shock is disposed,~~ and  
15      (d) ~~having an upper end adapted to couple to the suspension component~~  
16      coil-over shock.

1    2. (Original)    The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:  
2        a pair of telescopic forks coupled to the triple clamps.

1    3. (Original)    The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 2 wherein:  
2        the telescopic forks contain neither spring components nor damping components.

1 4. (Original) The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 2 wherein:  
2       the telescopic forks contain one of spring components and damping components.

1 5. (Original) The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 2 wherein:  
2       the telescopic forks are ventilated to prevent pressurization during telescopic action.

1 6. (Original) The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 2 further comprising:  
2       a fork buttress coupled to the telescopic forks.

1 7. (Currently Amended)       The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 6 ~~further~~  
2 ~~comprising wherein:~~  
3       ~~the suspension component;~~  
4       ~~wherein an upper end of the suspension component is coupled to the shock tube and a~~  
5       lower end of the ~~suspension component~~ coil-over shock is coupled to the fork buttress.

1 8. (Currently Cancelled)

1 9. (Currently Cancelled)

1 10. (Currently Cancelled)

1 11. (Currently Cancelled)

1 12. (Original) The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 2 wherein:  
2       the telescopic forks have substantially inert suspension characteristics.

1 13. (Currently Amended)       The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 1 wherein:  
2       the shock tube includes a passageway whereby the ~~suspension component~~ coil-over  
3       shock can be accessed for making suspension adjustments.

1 14. (Currently Amended)       The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 13 ~~further~~  
2 ~~comprising wherein:~~  
3       ~~the suspension component, and wherein the suspension component~~ the coil-over shock is  
4       adjustable for at least one of,

5 ride height,  
6 spring preload,  
7 rebound damping, and  
8 compression damping.

1 15. (Currently Amended) The steering and suspension apparatus of claim 14 wherein:  
2 the passageway facilitates access to the ~~suspension component~~ coil-over shock  
3 substantially coaxially with respect to the steering axis.

1 16. (Currently Cancelled)

1 17. (Currently Cancelled)

1 18. (Currently Cancelled)

1 19. (Currently Amended) A two-wheeled vehicle comprising:  
2 a frame including a steering tube defining a steering axis;  
3 a shock tube disposed substantially coaxially within the steering tube;  
4 an upper triple clamp and a lower triple clamp ~~rotatably~~ coupled to the ~~steering~~ shock  
5 tube;  
6 a pair of sliding-tube forks each having an upper fork tube coupled to the upper triple  
7 clamp and to the lower triple clamp, and a lower fork tube;  
8 a ~~suspension component~~ coil-over shock disposed ~~substantially coaxially with the~~  
9 ~~steering axis~~ within the shock tube; and  
10 a front wheel rotatably coupled to the lower fork tubes.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The vehicle of claim 19 wherein:  
2 the ~~suspension component~~ coil-over shock comprises all of the vehicle's front spring and  
3 damping components.

1 21. (Currently Amended) The vehicle of claim 19 further comprising:  
2 a fork buttress coupled to the lower fork tubes;

3           wherein a bottom end of the ~~suspension component~~ coil-over shock is coupled to the fork  
4   butress.

1   22. (Currently Amended)   The ~~apparatus~~ vehicle of claim 21 further comprising:  
2        a pair of fork ~~lowers~~ bottoms respectively coupled to the lower fork tubes;  
3        ~~wherein the fork buttress is formed as integral parts of the fork lowers.~~

1   23. (Currently Amended)   The ~~apparatus~~ vehicle of claim 19 ~~further comprising~~ wherein:  
2        ~~the shock tube disposed within the steering tube and including~~ includes a passage  
3   therethrough substantially coaxial with the steering axis;  
4        a pair of bearings rotatably coupling the shock tube to the steering tube;  
5        a top bolt coupling the shock tube to the upper triple clamp and having a passage  
6   therethrough substantially coaxial with the steering axis;  
7        ~~wherein the suspension component~~ coil-over shock includes a setting adjustment  
8   mechanism which is accessible via the passages through the top bolt and the shock tube.

1   24. (Original) The vehicle of claim 23 wherein the setting adjustment mechanism adjusts at least  
2   one of:

3        ride height;  
4        spring preload;  
5        rebound damping; and  
6        compression damping.

1   25. (Original) The vehicle of claim 19 wherein the vehicle comprises a motorcycle.

1   26. (Original) The vehicle of claim 19 wherein the vehicle comprises a bicycle.